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IN DIFFICULTY. A REVIEW OF COMMODITY PRICES AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATION OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS INDICATES A RAPID RISE IN PRICES FOR STAPLES ESPECIALLY MEAT AND VEGETABLES AND A SIGNIFICANT LOSS IN VALUE FOR THE DROUGHT AGAINST MAJOR CURRENCIES, ESPECIALLY THE MARK, POUND AND DOLLAR.

5. (C) NOT TO BE RELEASED TO PRESS: A SENIOR KHAN (MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY) OFFICIAL IS REPORTED MISSING. THE LONG MISSION IN KAHUL HAS NOW GROWN TO A STAFF TOTAL OF 20. THERE IS A REPORT THAT NAJIBULLAH'S WIFE IS UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR CANCER. ESPATULLAH MUSLIN REPORTEDLY IS BACK IN KAHUL. THE COMMANDER OF THE 14 SECOND CORPS IN KAHUL HAS BEEN REPLACED. FOR SUMMARY.

6. (C) KAHUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: DURING THE WEEK, MUHAMMAD INCREASED PRESSURE ON THE CITY COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ACCORDING TO CONFIRMED REPORTS, MUHAMMAD ROCKETED THE CITY ON FIVE OCCASIONS, THE SAME AS DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THERE WERE SEVEN UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSIONS IN THE CITY, ATTRIBUTABLE TO EITHER BOMBS OR ROCKETS, UP FROM FOUR THE PREVIOUS WEEK, AND FOUR INSTANCES OF SUSTAINED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE BY

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1. 1990年1月1日起，凡在境内从事生产经营活动的纳税人，其应纳税额在1000元以下者，按应纳税额减征30%；超过1000元者，按应纳税额减征20%。

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 SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN SITUATION REPORT (FEBRUARY 1 - 20)

1. WITHIN THE CITY OF PHOENIX TWO THE PREVIOUS WEEK.
(COMPARE WITH DATE PARA 2, REF 1.) THROUGHOUT THE WEEK,
SOVIET AND AN ARTILLERY AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS ANNOY-
ING TO THE NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST OF THE CITY, PARTICULARLY
IN THE MORNING. MOVEMENT OF SOVIET AND REGIME
HELICOPTERS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FIGHTING, DURING THE
WEEK, INDICATED ITS SERIOUSNESS. (SEE ALSO PARA 4 FOR
DISCUSSION OF THE FIGHTING BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS.)
DURING THE WEEK, A SOVIET CHECKPOINT DISCOVERED
AMMUNITION IN A CAMEL CARAVAN MOVING BETWEEN THE
PULVI-CHAMRAH AREA AND KAHUL. THE CARAVAN EARLIER HAD
BEEN SEARCHED FOR ARMS AND WEAPONS AT AN RA CHECKPOINT.
DIPLOMATS AND ARMEDS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS
IN THE CITY (SOVIET ARTILLERY AND MULTIPLE ROCKET
LAUNCHER FIRE WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATE IN "KAHUL CITY
DEVELOPMENTS.") THIS REPORT WILL INCLUDE ONLY BLASTS AND
WEAPONS FIRE INSIDE KAHUL. 1.

-- FEBRUARY 71 AT 2145 SEVERAL INCOMING ROCKETS
PROMPTED OUTGOING 24000 FOR THE FIVE FROM NORTH CANAL,
TARGETED NORTHWEST.

ON FEBRUARY 63 AT 1043, DIPLOMATS HEARD AN EXCHANGE OF HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN THE KHAI KHANA AREA. BETWEEN 1904 AND 2004, DIPLOMATS REPORT SEVERAL LARGE EXPLOSIONS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY FOLLOWED BY UNENDING FIRE SUGGESTING THE EXPLOSIONS WERE INCOMING ORDNANCE.

ON FEBRUARY 21 AT 1120, TELEGRAMS REPORT SMALL BR 45
FIRE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE AIRPORT. BETWEEN 1312 AND
1317, SEVERAL LARGE EXPLOSIONS SHOOK THE NORTHERN PART
OF THE CITY. AT 1545, A BLAST WITH A HEAVY CONCUSSION,
PROBABLY CAUSED BY A BOMB, WAS HEARD THROUGHOUT NORTHERN
AND EASTERN KAMUL. AT 2220 HOURS, TWO SIMULTANEOUS
EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD NEAR THE AIRPORT AND IN
DAMULAMAN. THE BLASTS, FOLLOWED BY OUTRAGING ARTILLERY,

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PROBABLY WERE CAUSED BY INCOMING AIRCRAFT.

-- FEBRUARY 31: AT 1042 HOURS, SEVERAL LOUD EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD IN AND AROUND SOUTHERN KAHUL. THE IMPACTING ORDNANCE PROMPTED IMMEDIATE OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE. A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT DURING THE DAY IN KAHUL AROUND A SOVIET TANK COLLIDED WITH A CIVILIAN BUS. CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY ACCORDING TO MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO TREATED SOME OF THE CIVILIANS. AMBULANCES WERE HEARD RACING TO THE SCENE. A LOUD EXPLOSION, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY A BOMB, WAS HEARD IN NORTH KAHUL AT 1045. BEGINNING AT 1050 AND LASTING UNTIL AFTER 1200, DIPLOMATS AND AROMATS REPORT INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, INCLUDING HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE IN THE AREA OF THE AIRPORT. IT WAS AT ITS MOST INTENSE BETWEEN 1050 AND 1200. DURING THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE SOME IMPACTING ORDNANCE ALSO WAS HEARD. THESE PROMPTED OUTGOING ARTILLERY AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER FIRE. DIPLOMATS ALSO REPORT TWO TO THREE MINUTES OF SMALL ARMS FIRE IN KAHUL AT 1200.

-- FEBRUARY 31: DIPLOMATS REPORT SEVERAL LOUD EXPLOSIONS INSIDE KAHUL AT 1042 AND AT 1200.

-- FEBRUARY 31: AT 1400, DIPLOMATS REPORT A LOUD
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20. NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS:

(A) (REPORTS OF CAPTURED INDIAN PILOTS)

AN AFGHAN SOURCE FROM KANDAHAR REPORTS THAT IN MID-JUNE FIGHTING IN THE KANDAHAR AREA MUJAHIDIN DOWNED TWO OR THREE JETS WHICH WERE PILOTTED BY INDIAN NATIONALS. MUJAHIDIN CAPTURED TWO OF THE INDIANS WHILE A THIRD WAS KILLED. PAKISTANI DIPLOMATS (PROTECT) CLAIM THAT IN JULY 3 FIGHTING IN THE MAIDAN SHA AREA OF NORTHERN WARDAK ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO INDIAN PILOTS WERE CAPTURED FOLLOWING THE DOWNING OF JET AIRCRAFT WHICH ATTACKED MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS IN THE AREA. THE PILOT(S) REPORTEDLY WILL BE TAKEN TO PAKISTAN BY THEIR MUJAHIDIN CAPTORS. (COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION FOR THESE REPORTS. THE MAIDAN SHA STORY IS ALLEGEDLY DRAWN FROM MULTIPLE AFGHAN

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VILLAGEERS FROM APPROACHING THE CRASH SITE. NO PARACHUTE WAS SEEN.

4. KAPUL WEST: INTENSIVE AND HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS HEARD TO THE EAST THROUGH MUCH OF THE WEEK. A RELIABLE INFORMANT QUOTES AN AFGHAN SOURCE AS CLAIMING THAT SOME OF THE FIRING WAS TARGETED AGAINST KOT-I-SAFI TO THE EAST OF KAPUL--HIGH GROUND WITH MANY MUJAHIDIN STRONGHOLDS. AN AFGHAN SOURCE CLAIMS THAT HEAVY FIRING HEARD IN THE MORNING AND THROUGH MID-DAY FEBRUARY 4 AND 5 WAS CENTERED AROUND BUTKHA.

5. KAPUL WEST: MUJAHIDIN CONTINUED ACTIVE WEST OF KAPUL IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. ON FEBRUARY 1, MUJAHIDIN LAUNCHED TWO ROCKETS INTO THE PLEA RESIDENTIAL AREA ON THE SOUTH SIDE, KOWN AS DARGHA KIRGAYON. ON JANUARY 20, THE MURDER OF SIX PENTAG OFFICERS AND TROOPS WENT DOWN INTO THE CITY FOLLOWING A CLASH WITH MUJAHIDIN THAT DAY IN KAPUL. IN THE CLASH MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN ONE KAPUL POST.

6. KAPUL SOUTH: AIRCRAFT SWITCHED INTERMITTENT ARTILLERY FIRE AND POSSIBLY INCOMING FIRE TO THE SOUTH AT

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OF KAHLE CAN THE LONGER ROAD REMAINING AT APPROXIMATELY 0940. THE FLIGHTS, POSSIBLY NEAR HANNI MESA, CONTINUED MOST OF THE MORNING. ON FEBRUARY 1, THREE ROCKETS STRUCK NEAR AN OLD POST AT BULBAGH, SOUTH OF DAKHLAN.

2. (U) KANDAHAR: ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE DIPLOMATIC ACCOUNTS, MUJAHIDIN UNLEASHED A DAY-LONG BOMBARDMENT OF REGIME AND PARTY OFFICES IN KANDAHAR APPARENTLY IN THE SHAME YOU ARELY JANUARY 24. SOME ACCOUNTS CLAIM CASUALTIES INCLUDING CIVILIANS WERE OVER ONE HUNDRED. ACCORDING TO A VERY RELIABLE REPORT, THE REMAINS OF AT LEAST 20 REGIME TROOPS WERE BURNED TO KADUL THE SAME DAY. COMMENTS: IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE INCOMING CRUISING, ESTIMATES RANGE FROM 120 TO 300 POUNDS. COMBINED ROCKETS OF MORTARS. THOUGH THE VOLUME SUGGESTS MORTARS. A KANDAHARI REPORTS THE REGIME CONTROLS ONLY THE JUBAN HAZAR AND UNTIL 1400. THE SHOK HAZAR. AND OTHER PARTS IN KANDAHAR ARE CONTROLLED BY THE MUJAHIDIN. THE SOURCE CLAIMED THAT SINCE 410-DECEMBER, SOVIET FORCES HAVE LOST MANY POSTS ON THE OUTER DEFENSE RING THEY HAD. THE REGIME HAS LOST SOME POSTS ON THE INNER DEFENSE RING. KHALQI-PARCHAK FEELING IN KANDAHAR IS SERIOUS AND, ACCORDING TO THIS KANDAHARI, GROWING WORSE. THE PARCHAKS CONTROL THE CITY ADMINISTRATION WHILE THE KHALQI DOMINATE THE AREA MILITARY FORCES. THE POPULATION SHOWS NO PREFERENCE FOR EITHER SIDE. MUJAHIDIN IN A TACTIC SIMILAR TO ONE EMPLOYED IN THE KAPUL AREA, HAVE SOUGHT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF RURAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MOVING INTO CITY MARKETS. KANDAHARIS REAR TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON PAKISTAN FOR FOOD AND OTHER STAPLES HOWEVER, IS Largely THE RESULT OF THE EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF THE RICH AGRICULTURAL BELT AROUND KANDAHAR AND LARGE-SCALE DEPOPULATION OF THE REGION.

9. (U) PERSONS: - RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS FUJIANHIN

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OVERMAN A REGIME MUST HAVE CHANGED. FEBRUARY 4. DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY, MUJAHIDIN CLASHED WITH REGIME FORCES AT GHORHAWA (34-00N 67-00E) KILLING THREE TROOPS AND WOUNDING SEVEN OF FIGHT. AIRCRAFT RETALIATED WITH EXTENSIVE BOMBING IN THE AREA. A DIPLOMAT OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY RELATES THAT MUJAHIDIN DOWNED A REGIME TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT IN PARWAN, JANUARY 22.

7. (U) AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WITH GOOD ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION SOURCES THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE MAJOR JANUARY 17-18 MUJAHIDIN ATTACK ON A SOVIET BASE AT THE PROVINCIAL CENTER OF CHAGHA SARAI (34-02N 67-00E) ALSO ASSAULTED THE ATTACKED MUJAHIDIN ALSO CAPTURED A HYDROELECTRIC DAM AND ONE OF THE GENERATION PUMPS (REPORTEDLY PART OF THE DAM).

8. (U) AMERICAN AT AMMAN, JORDAN, FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, REPORTS THE PROVINCIAL CENTER REMAINS UNDER REGIME CONTROL STRICTLY OBSERVING AN INFORMAL TRUCE WITH THE MUJAHIDIN. FIGHTING IS WITHIN THREE KMS OF THE CITY. SOVIET CIVILIANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S EXPLOITATION OF AFGHAN GAS RESOURCES IN THE AREA, RELATIVE TO THE CITY BUT SOME HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOURCE

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CLAIMS THAT CIVILIAN AIR FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMUL ARE VERY LIMITED. A SEPARATE AIRCRAFT REPORTS THAT HUMANITARIAN AND HOSING PROBLEMS FOR SOVIET AND REGIME FORCES IN THE TASSAL AREA PRESENTING MOST MOVEMENT.

4. THE SUBJECT, ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 1, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE INFORMANT, MANIPULATED ATTACKED A CONVOY MOVING TOWARD ATLANTA (LOCATION UNKNOWN) WITH PARAGAS. MANIPULATED DESTROYED THREE ARMORED VEHICLES AND KILLED 11 X 4 THOUS. PROSECUTION AND (ACTIVITY OF STATE SECURITY) INQUIRY BEING.

11. (U) GH4741: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT ON FEBRUARY 3, FOUR 24 TROOPS WERE KILLED IN THE OLD MAZAR OF GH4741 TOWN WHEN THEIR VEHICLE WAS ATTACKED BY MUJAHIDIN. ON JANUARY 20, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET PATROL NEAR SAMANAH DESTROYING ONE OF THE THREE ARMORED VEHICLES.

41. (U) HAHM-LAM: DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY, ACCORDING TO A DIPLOMAT, MUONHIN ATTACKED A REINFORCED CONVOY NORTH OF THE SALANG TUNNEL DESTROYING THREE ARMORED VEHICLES AND KILLING FIFTEEN TROOPS. A SEPARATE REPORT CLAIMS THAT FIGHTING AT HAHM-LAM CLOSED THE SALANG ROAD FOR AN UNKNOWN PERIOD IN LATE JANUARY.

12. (U) EXAM: 3 DIPLOMAT REPORTS CONTAINING DESTROYED
INFO. REVISIT THAT CHICAGO AIR BASE ON JANUARY 28.

13. (U) LAGHMANS: A PROBLEM-FREE HIGHWAY REPORTS
MURKIDGIN ARE CURRENTLY VERY ACTIVE IN LAGHMAN
PARTICULARLY AROUND THE ALI-KHAN VALLEY (44°30'N
70°14'E) AND ALI-KHAN (34°00'N; 70°22'E). MURKIDGIN ARE
ALSO THREATENING THREE ARMY POSTS IN HIGHER GROUND AT
TRAFALGAR, GUMIN AND GOR KAI - ALL NEAR THE LAGHMAN
PROVINCE BORDERS AT TETTERAK.

14. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE REPORT'S HEAVY

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FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN KANDUZ PROVINCE WITH SOVIET AND REGIME MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES THROUGH THE AREA VERY DIFFICULT.

15. (U) HEZB: AFGHANS AND DIPLOMATS CLAIM CLASHES CONTINUE WEST OF HEZAT CITY IN THE ISLAMABAD AREA.

16. (U) PAKISTANI: CONVOY MOVEMENT SOUTH FROM KANDUZ REMAINS AT A LOW LEVEL INDICATING SOVIET AND REGIME FORCES ARE NOT PREPARING TO ATTEMPT AGAIN TO OPEN THE GARGEZ-TO-KANDUZ ROAD WHICH THE MUJAHIDEEN CLOSED LESS THAN A MONTH AGO. SOVIET AND REGIME MEDIA PROCLAIMED THE MUJAHIDEEN SIEGE OF KANDUZ HAD BEEN LIFTED.

17. (U) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

4. SOVIETS AND REGIME SEEK TO IMPROVE REGIME MILITARY FORCES: DURING THE WEEK, SOVIET PARTY AND RA MILITARY FIGURES WERE QUOTED IN THE KANDUZ MEDIA AS CALLING FOR AUGMENTATION OF THE RA MILITARY WITH NEW TRAINING AND EXPANDED RECRUITMENTS. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "IN NO WAY AN OBSTACLE TO GROWTH OF THE ARMED FORCES." THE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TO REPORTS FROM SOME EASTERN AFGH DIPLOMATS WHO ALLEGED A SOVIET BT

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D. THROPS. SOVIET THROPS USUALLY DEMAND MONEY OR HASHISH AS A PRICE FOR PASSING THE CHECKPOINTS THEY MAN.

E. EARLY MORNING AIR DEPARTURES: THE PATTERN OF EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE OF SOVIET FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT CONTINUES WITH MOST SOVIET AIRCRAFT DEPARTING AT CLOSE INTERVALS FROM 0600 TO 0730. IL-76'S FREQUENTLY DEPART AT CLOSE INTERVALS JUST BEFORE OR JUST AFTER SUNDOWN.

F. HTR-KH'S AS MEDICAL EVAC VEHICLES: DURING THE WEEK, A DIPLOMAT OBSERVED TWO HTR-KH'S MARKED WITH A RED CROSS APPARENTLY INTENDING TO IDENTIFY THEM AS MEDICAL VEHICLES. BOTH WERE PARKED OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE PRINCIPAL SOVIET MILITARY HOSPITAL IN KAHUL. PREVIOUSLY, SIMILARLY MARKED HTR-76'S HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN THE SAME LOCATION.

G. SOVIETS EXPLAIN CURRENT HEAVY OUTGOING FIRE: SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAVE CLAIMED TO WESTERN COLLEAGUES THAT THE RECENT HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER BARRAGES BATTILING IN DUS IN KAHUL ARE AIMED AT WEAKENING THE POSITIONS PRIOR TO A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL. (DIPLOMATS NOTE THAT THE SOVIET TARGETS APPEAR NUMEROUS AND REMARKABLY CLOSE TO KAHUL.)

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AN. SOVIET WITHDRAWAL: NO WORDS OF SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL INCLUDING ANY HARD EVIDENCE IS ELUSIVE. AN ARGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY THREE SOVIET EXPERTS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTED AFGHANISTAN. APPARENTLY AT THE REQUEST OF THEIR TOWNS AND APPARENTLY GO TO BE RECALLED. A RELIABLE ARGHAN REPORTS THAT SOVIET DEPENDENTS ARE SELLING OFF USED HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN KANTEH. MARKET AT KANTEH AND SELLING GOLD IN KHWANA HIGHWAY. A SOVIET SETTLEMENT NEAR THE CITY AIRPORT. SOVIETS DEPENDENTS IN THE SAME SETTLEMENT ARE SAID TO BE SELLING SOME APPARENTLY DISASSEMBLED HOUSEHOLD GOODS. LOCAL TOWN MEN REPORTEDLY ARE PICKING UP THE GOODS AS SOON AS THEY ARE OFFERED. ARGHAN REPORTS CLAIM THAT SOVIETS HAVE VACATED SOME APARTMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR THE KANTEH AIRPORT.

4. (C) - POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

4. JANUARY 27-28 POPA PLENUM RESULTS EMERGE SLOWLY: THE POPA PLENUM HELD IN LATE JANUARY CONTINUES TO BE A MYSTERY WITH IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS ONLY SLOWLY BEING MADE PUBLIC. REPLACEMENT OF KADUL CITY PARTY CHIEF RAZIMUDDIN WHO WAS GIVEN THE POSITION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY BY MOHAMMAD NAJIB RAZMIAR WAS ANNOUNCED DAYS AFTER THE PLENUM CONCLUDED. RAZMIAR, SAID TO BE IN HIS EARLY 30'S IS REGARDED AS A RISING STAR, BUT THOUGHT POSSIBLY TO BE TOO YOUNG AND EXPERIENCED FOR THE COMPLEX JOB OF KADUL PARTY CHIEF. RUMORS CONTINUE THAT NAJIB AHMED HUR WAS A POLITICAL CASUALTY AT THE PLENUM, THOUGH NO ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING HIM HAS BEEN MADE. BOTH HE AND ANOTHER LONG-TIME POLITICIAN FAYEEM SALEM MOHAMMAD ZEYRY WERE THE MOST NOTABLE NO-SHOW'S AT A MAJOR POPA LEADERSHIP VISIT TO MIZAN-I-SHARIF DURING THE WEEK.

7. MAIL DEPARTS FOR VIETNAM IN 1968 0909090909

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FOREIGN MINISTER KAMILI, LEADING A SIX-MAN DELEGATION, DEPARTED FEBRUARY 2 FOR A VISIT TO SEVERAL ISLAMIC STATES. HIS DEPARTURE FROM KAHUL CAMP DESPITE THE JAGGING DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE OF AN INTER-MEDDIARY DIEGO CONQUEZ WHO IS IN THE HEAVY ATTENTION TO PREPARE FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF THE DELIVERA PROXIMITY TALKS.

20. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: PRICE RISES FOR KEY FOOD STAPLES CLIMBED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR (JANUARY 1976-TO-JANUARY 1977). MONTHLY MARKET PRICE SURVEYS OF OVER 50 PRODUCTS DURING THE YEAR REVEALED THE FOLLOWING PRICE RISES: GRAINS UP 17 PERCENT; CEREALS UP 14 PERCENT; VEGETABLES UP 24 PERCENT; FRUITS UP 26 PERCENT; DAIRY PRODUCTS UP 33 PERCENT; FISH UP 33 PERCENT; OTHER FRUITS AND NUTS UP 14 PERCENT; MEAT UP 24 PERCENT AND FOWL UP 15 PERCENT. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AGAINST MAJOR CURRENCIES FELL SIGNIFICANTLY: DOLLAR 43 PERCENT AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR; 24 PERCENT AGAINST THE SOVIET RUUBLE; 12 PERCENT AGAINST THE INDIAN RUPEE; 10 PERCENT AGAINST THE PAKISTANI RUPEE; 10 PERCENT AGAINST THE MALAYSIAN RINGGIT AND 10 PERCENT AGAINST THE WEST GERMAN MARK. EACH OF THE ABOVE FIGURES IN VALUE WAS 100 PERCENT IN JANUARY 1976. AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 1977.

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ONE U.S. TOLLER BOUGHT 210 AFGHANIS. (SEE KAPUL 0012
 FOR DETAILED AFB, BOUY OF MONTHLY AND ANNUAL PRICE
 CHANGES AND ANALYSIS.)

21. (U) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS: RELATIVES REPORT
 THAT THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED
 IN THE COURSE OF THEIR SERVICE IN THE RA ARMED FORCES
 WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A REGIME DEMAND OF THE FAMILIES FOR
 TRANSPORT OF THE REMAINS TO THEIR HOMES.

22. (U) SOVIETIZATION: AN AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT
 MANY WORKING DOCUMENTS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ARE
 PRINTED ONLY IN RUSSIAN. (COMMENT: THE PRACTICE,
 THOUGHT ALSO TO BE COMMON IN OTHER REGIME OFFICES, HELPS
 TO ASSURE THAT SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRY ARE
 FILLED BY AFGHAN STAFF TRAINED IN THE SOVIET UNION.)

23. (U) KAPUL MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS:

-- FEBRUARY 4: THE VISITING DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF
 THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF UZBEKISTAN KARIM KAROVA WAS RECEIVED
 FEBRUARY 5 BY AMUL RAHIM HATTA, CHAIRMAN OF THE
 CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL FRONT. THE VISIT OF A
 HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL AWAMI PART OF
 PAKISTAN, HEADED BY MUZAFAR AHMAD, PRESIDENT OF THE
 PARTY, ALSO RECEIVED COVERAGE.

-- FEBRUARY 5: IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOVIET
 REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN WOULD AID KONA PROVINCE IN THE
 AREAS OF ELECTRICITY AND IRRIGATION.

-- FEBRUARY 4: THE KAPUL MEDIA COVERED THE FEBRUARY 3
 CALL OF SOVIET MINISTER OF HWS INDUSTRIES, VASILY
 CHERNOMERDIN, ON KASITULLAH. KAPUL MEDIA ALSO CARRIED
 AN INTERVIEW WITH THE VISITING DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE
 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF
 KAZAKHSTAN, WHO DETAILED PLANS FOR DIRECT REPUBLIC AID

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U. KUEHL/0347 TO KAROL: A RELIABLE SOURCE
REPORTS THAT MUHAMMAD THAKURAT FATHULLAH MUHAMMAD
KUEHL/0347 IN A FIVE-THREE WITH REINE TROOPS IN KAROL
U. KUEHL/0347 RETIRED TO KAROL FROM KANDAHAR.
KUEHL/0347 IS CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF HIS
SUGGEST WIFE.

U. KUEHL/0347 FOR KA SECURE CORPS: A RELIABLE
SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE KA MILITARY IS
SECOND TROOP, KUEHL/0347 IN KANDAHAR, HAS BEEN REPLACED.
THE NEW COMMANDER IS KUEHL/0347.

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